

**City of Prairie Home**  
**City Hall, 416 Highway Drive, Prairie Home, MO**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**Thursday, September 19, 2024**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:57 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Present: Jim Lachner, Mayor; Eric Kirschman, Cindy Lenger, Sierrah Miller, Ray Weber
- Staff: Kim Force, City Attorney; Jacob Lauer, Police Chief; Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk
- Citizens: Lauren and Jacob Polley

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Kirschman made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2024 hearing and meeting. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE:** Bobby Laird, OWN Engineering, presented draft plans for the sidewalk expansion project on Carey and Main Streets. It is anticipated there will be minimal right-of-way issues. Mr. Laird anticipates another month to finalize the plans, and then they will be submitted for MoDOT approval.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR POLICE CHIEF:** Mr. Lauer took the oath of office and was welcomed as the new Chief of Police.

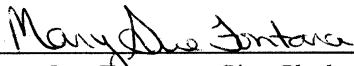
**REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

- **Police.** Mr. Lauer reported he had met with former Chief Ben Burch and was learning the required software.
- **Water and Sewer.** DJ Schmitz had previously provided information that there has been no progress on the voltage issue at the new well house. Ms. Fontana reported progress is being made on the Lead Service Line Inventory.
- **Attorney.** Ms. Force reported a ticket for animal-at-large had been paid.
- **Clerk.**
  - Ms. Fontana provided the monthly financial report. Ms. Lenger made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed.
  - The warning siren was inspected and the batteries replaced.
  - Gavin Walters has agreed to continue handling snow removal for the upcoming winter season.
- **Board Members.** Several members expressed concerns about electric pole integrity at two locations. Ms. Fontana will contact Ameren.
- **Mayor.** Mr. Lachner reported he had been working on adding gravel to the ruts at the lagoon and that the center pivot operation was working well.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Ditching and Street Repair Project.** The Board discussed the remaining street repair for Carey Street and two new ditching issues on Lacy Street and Mill Street.
- **Water Line Reimbursement Request.** The Board discussed a request from Weston Well Service for work performed on a City water meter at 174 Mill Street. Ms. Lenger made a motion to pay \$200 for repair to the City's meter. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Kirschman abstained due to a familial relationship with the owners.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Weber made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

  
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Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk

  
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James R. Lachner, Mayor